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Dear Mr. Ranson:

On March 2 2017, the EPA sent a letter to you initiating Section 7(a)(2) consultation on EPA's approval of Louisiana's adopted amendments to Title 33, Part IX, Chapter 11 of the Louisiana Surface Water Quality Standards, pursuant to Clean Water Action Section 303(c) and 40 CFR Part 131. In that letter we stated that "[t]he DO Criterion of 4.0 mg/L applicable to estuarine waters has not changed." We wish to correct for the record that there are in fact, six estuarine segments included in the approval to which the new criteria would apply. This clarification does not amend the list of species on which EPA, with the assistance of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, is presently consulting.

EPA will continue with its work to assess the potential effects of the new criteria on species within these and all other segments included within the action area. If you have any questions concerning this letter or action, please contact Russell Nelson of my staff at (214) 665-6646 or by email at nelson.russell@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

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